

Country: Russia

Political status: Rebublic of Tuva

Federal district: Syberian

Capital: Kyzyl

Language: Tuvan, Russian

Area: 170,500 km² **Population:** 305 510

Siberia is a vast region, constituting almost all of Northern Asia. Comprising the central and eastern portion of the Russian Federation, it was part of the Soviet Union (USSR) from its beginning, as the preceding Russian Empire conquered it in the 16th century.



Yenisei RiverThe maximum depth of the Yenisei River is 80 feet (24 m) and the average depth is 45 feet (14m). The depth of river outflow is 106 feet (32 m) and inflow is 101 feet (31 m)

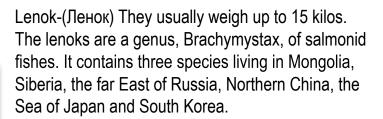


The Sayan Mountains' towering peaks and cool lakes southwest of Tuva give rise to the tributaries that merge to become one of Siberia's major rivers, the Yenisei River, which flows north over 2000 miles to the Arctic Ocean.



The taimen (Hucho taimen), also known asSiberian taimen and Siberian salmon, is a species of fish in the salmon family. The taimen is the largest salmonid in the world. The maximum size is not well known, but a fish caught in the Kotui River in Russia with a length of 210 cm (83 in) and a weight of 105 kg (231 lb) is the largest reliable record (Holcik et al. 1988). The IGFA world record is a little under 100 lb or 45 kg. It can reach at least 55 years of age.

Mongolian legend tells of a giant taimen trapped in river ice. Starving herders were able to survive the winter by hacking off pieces of its flesh. In the spring the ice melted and the giant taimen swam away.







Siberian Grayling is a species of freshwater fish in the salmon family. Siberian Grayling Siberian Grayling grows to a maximum recorded length of 76 cm and a maximum recorded weight of 3.8 kg the other subspecies range in maximum length from 30 to 44 cm with maximum weights of about 1 to 1.3 kg